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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 4th October 2022

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 777

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 3rd October 2022 concerning our Vehicle Fleet from 2000-2005.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response) :

1. Ever since the Freedom of Information Act has passed in 2000, did people ask for the Wiltshire Police Vehicle Fleet from 2000-2005 by email?

Since April 2021 either yourself or your partner/mother/sister/daughter (delete as appropriate) XXXXXX have submitted 3 prior FOI requests of your own requesting information on our Fleet Vehicles for this time period.

In each instance, Wiltshire Police have responded in good faith and provided you with fully detailed explanations as to why we are not able to provide this information. I would direct you to the responses that have been provided to the following FOI requests :-

**FOI 2021-381
FOI 2021-544
FOI 2021-634**

With regards to FOI requests received from other people asking for this same information, I have been able to undertake searches of our records which have



found one other request from June 2019 asking for the same information – reference FOI 2019-597.

Note

I have only been able to go back as far as 2017 to check previous requests. In each case I have primarily searched for the use of keywords “Fleet” and “Vehicle” in the FOI request and then reviewed each of those FOI’s individually to see if was a request that met your criteria – ie details of our Fleet from 2000-2005.

For FOI requests received prior to 2017 – No Information Held.

2. If so, may I please have the records of those responses that included the Wiltshire Police Fleet from 2000-2005?

Details Included...

- The Vehicle Make & Model
- Type of Vehicle (Example-Saloon, Estate, Hatchback, Minibus etc)
- Van's Wheelbase and Roof Size
- The Registration Number
- The Role of the Vehicle (Including Armed Response Group)
- Marked or Unmarked
- The Year the Vehicle was Commissioned
- The Year the Vehicle was Decommissioned
- Roof Number

You have already been provided with detailed responses to FOI requests 2021-381, 2021-544 and 2021-634. We are not going to provide you with these again as this would be a duplication of work already undertaken and an unnecessary burden on this Authority.

With regards to the other request, FOI 2019-597, a response to this request is exempt under S21 of The FOIA – Information available to the applicant by other means.

This FOI request originated from a fellow user of Whatdotheyknow.com – our formal response to this request was provided to that platform so we would suggest you undertake the necessary searches on that site for a copy of the response that was provided at the time.

Please Note – IMPORTANT :-

This is the 9th FOI Request that Wiltshire Police have received in the last 18 months from either yourself or your partner/wife/sister/daughter (delete as appropriate) XXXXXX and the 4th

individual request we have received asking for information related to details of our Vehicle Fleet prior to 2005.

Our 3 previous responses have provided you with clear and concise reasons why we are unable to provide you with this information, due to the limitations of our Fleet database, which has only been maintained with any degree of accuracy since c2015.

For the avoidance of all doubt, please be advised that Wiltshire Police will not make any disclosure in respect of Vehicles in our Fleet prior to 2015.

I do need to advise you that under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 an Authority can choose to exempt a response to an FOI request on the grounds that they consider the request to be either Vexatious or a Repeated Requests. This is covered by Section 14 of The Act which states the following :-

14 Vexatious or repeated requests.

(1)Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious.

(2)Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

Please bear this in mind if you make any further requests for information in respect of our Fleet Vehicles prior to 2015 OR requests for information that have been asked for / provided to you before.

This warning regarding repeated requests follows on from and is in addition to the prior warning provided to you in our FOI response dated 13th October 2021 (FOI reference 2021-807) concerning repeated requests for information about Firearms / Armed Response / Specialist Operations and Covert Vehicles.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

- Section 21 : Information available to applicant by other means

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Penny
Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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